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SOMEWHAT PERSONAL.

We have decided views on all questions of public interest, and we express them in language not to be misunderstood. While we are as strong in our support of the principles of the Reform wing of the Democratic party as any one in it, and recognize Senator Tillman as its leader, yet we do not propose to sneeze every time he takes snuff. Much in his political career we find to censure. He has made many grave political blunders, which, under a normal condition of the public mind, would have hurled him from the high place he occupies in the councils of his party. Notwithstanding these mistakes, we believe his heart to be right on matters touching the interests of the people, and being a man of an unusual high order of genius and brilliant attainments, he is peculiarly fitted by nature and education to be a leader of men, the controller of circumstances and the director of affairs. As we have said before, in his triumphs we have gloried; in his successes we have taken pride, and in the honors which have been heaped upon him as a recognition of his ability and fitness as a leader, we have been proud. In espousing his cause in the past we have nothing to regret; nothing to be ashamed of. In advocating it the future, as we have in the past, we propose to be governed entirely by what, in our judgment, is for the best interests of the people, defending the policies of the leaders of the Reform wing when we can consistently do so, otherwise opposing them. In other words upholding the right and condemning the wrong, heaving strait to the line and letting the chips fall where they may.

In the discussion of questions of a public nature, in the settlement of which the people are concerned and in the discussion of which they should take a deep interest, it goes without saying that we are only giving expression to our own individual opinions. As it is human to err, and as we are human, it is possible, in forming our opinions, for our judgment to lead us astray, and for our views to be erroneous. We lay no claim whatever to infallibility. Agitation is the best means for the education of the masses upon any given subject. It is the vehicle for the conveyance of a multitude of thoughts, ideas and views, an intelligent dissection of which will aid, assist and help in the formation of correct opinions and in arriving at logical conclusions. For these reasons we cordially invite criticism of our position on any issue, or the expression of opinion upon any question. We try to be as correct as we possibly can, and form our views only after a careful study of the subject; but we are liable to make mistakes even after being so careful. We will treat those who may happen to differ with us with due consideration, the utmost kindness and all courtesy, and will only strike back when struck and then, not in anger but in self defense.

By a vote of 244 to 27, the House of Representatives adopted the Senate's concurrent resolution recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents. Col. Wm. Elliott, now representing the First Congressional District, was the only one of our Congressmen who voted against the adoption of the resolution. It now goes to the President for his signature or veto. What action he will take on it is, of course, only conjecture, but the indications are that he will carefully ascertain the facts before taking final action; the probabilities are against the approval of the resolution by the President. By the adoption of the resolution Spain has been stirred from center to circumference, the press of that country being particularly severe and bitter in its denunciation of the United States. The following are the resolutions as sent to the President: "In the opinion of congress a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba; and that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers according to each all the rights belonging in the ports and territory of the United States. That the friendly offices of the United States should be offered by the President to the Spanish government for the recognition of the independence of Cuba."

Senator Tillman started his Presidential boom at Lexington, Ky., April 11, in a two hours' speech, before an immense and enthusiastic audience of over a thousand persons. His reception was an ovation, and his views on the financial issue was wildly cheered and he swayed his audience as no man has yet moved it. In the course of his remarks he expressed the opinion that the National convention would be controlled by the silverites, and hence a bolt is unnecessary.

Missouri has been heard from. She sends a solid delegation to Chicago.

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If you smoke or chew try the fine brands of cigars and tobacco, at the Bazaar.

The subcommittee of the House committee on privileges and elections, having heard the contested election case of Johnson vs. Stokes from this District, has made a report to the whole committee recommending the seating of Dr. Stokes. This practically settles the case as the almost invariable custom of the House is to adopt the report of the committee. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the people of this District on the victory of Dr. Stokes, and we are gratified to know that the committee, having a Republican majority, has risen above partisan feelings, and decided the case on its merits, giving the seat to the one who was honestly and fairly elected and by such a majority that there were absolutely no grounds for a contest.

The same committee has reversed its former conclusion in the Murray-Elliott contest and has submitted its report in favor of seating Murray.

We would be deeply indebted to some of those who are clamoring so lustily for a bolt, to name a single instance in which any good ever came of bolting the party nominations? Just let your memory turn back over the history of past bolts, and it will invariably be found that the cause for which the bolt was made has been the sufferer. Yet we are told by men whose enthusiasm has apparently run away with their judgment that a bolt from the National party is the only salvation for silver. The silver men can control the next Democratic National party if they will make the fight within the party lines. It is possible for them to adopt a platform, entirely favorable to the free coinage of silver, and nominate candidates who will be faithful to the commands of the people.

The Democratic party of Maine, having declared for silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, a number who favor the financial policy of President Cleveland, have nominated an independent candidate for Congress from the Second District in opposition to the regular nominee. Let the Democrats of South Carolina stand firm in their allegiance to their party, for the friends of silver will certainly control the National convention.

The Democrats in many Western and Southern States have made the fight for silver within the party lines and in every case have won a glorious victory. In a recent primary election in Alabama for delegates to the State Democratic Convention the silver Democrats carried the State overwhelmingly for Johnson, the avowed bimetalist, and silver. This result is considered a great victory and the silver men of that State are celebrating it with much enthusiasm.

General John D. Kennedy, died suddenly at his home in Camden at 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning of apoplexy, in the 56th year of his age. Gen. Kennedy was a gallant and brave soldier in the Confederate war; a gifted and distinguished son of South Carolina, and a devoted and patriotic citizen. One by one these old landmarks which record the past glory of South Carolina, are crossing the river into the unknown beyond.

Being threatened with heart failure ex-Speaker Crisp, one of silver's strongest friends, has been compelled, under the advice of his physician, to cancel his engagement with Hoke Smith, the gold bug advocate, with whom he was making joint debates in several important cities in Georgia.

The article of Mr. Dreher is before our readers and they can judge whether or not our remarks were justified by the words he used, especially those found in the last paragraph of his article. We are glad, however, that Mr. Dreher has acknowledged that, like the Dutchman, he did not mean what he said or rather, said what he did not mean.

We would urge upon the Presidents of the various Democratic clubs the importance of having a full turnout at their club meeting. Every legitimate means should be used by them to secure a full attendance of the members.

Ex-Mayor W. W. Gilreath, of Greenville, who was prominent in politics, business and church affairs in that city, suicided yesterday morning by shooting himself in the head.

Fitzhugh Lee has been appointed by the President Consul General to Havana. This appointment was a complete surprise, as the President made it without consulting any one.

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A BIG IMPROVEMENT.
The new State Liquor Board of Control, through its Chairman and Secretary, has issued a new set of rules to the county dispensers clearly defining their duties under the new law.

It is evidently the purpose of this Board to correct the evils in the system inaugurated under the management of the present Liquor Commissioner in furtherance of his object to make the selling of liquors by the State a means of increasing her revenues, and the carrying out of which has made the system very offensive to many who were inclined to look upon it with favor. Beyond the possibility of a successful contradiction it can be safely asserted that the sale of liquor under the dispensary system has not been made according to the provisions of the law. Many of these violations of the law were doubtless the results of erroneous and misleading instructions given the dispensers whose duty it was to obey the law themselves, and to see that others, dispensers as well as citizens, obeyed it.

The new orders to the dispensers are stringent in reference to their duties and positive and mandatory, even threatening, in tone, and call for a faithful compliance with all the provisions of the law tending to the restriction of the sale of liquors. We are gratified to notice that the Board is so earnest in its determination to devote more attention to the moral features of the law than to the idea that the State assumed control of the liquor traffic solely as a means of raising a revenue, and in their efforts to carry out their laudable undertaking the Board should, and doubtless will, receive the support and encouragement of every person who really and truly desires to see much of the evil arising from the habit of using intoxicating liquors as a beverage corrected, and accept the dispensary system as a means to that end.

All's Well That Ends Well.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:

With a single barrel with small shot on one side and a double barrel pouring hot shot on the other side—thus surrounded and enflamed is enough to make a fellow feel like surrendering, but I am not made that way. I will make a desperate effort to cut through and stand by my colors.

Mr. Editor, I am completely, astonished and amazed at the tenor or spirit of your articles—let me assure you I did not think of my language applying to you—I was only thinking of patronage cuckoos who had already sold to Cleveland and the money power, and sitting in very fine offices surrounded with every luxury. O, no; I don't believe you will ever go back on the people to make the above language apply to you. Any of us are liable to have erroneous views upon the perplexing questions of the times. I have expressed my self as favoring a bolt rather than make the mistake of '92. You oppose, why is it we cannot discuss the matter in friendship. I have looked over that offending letter very closely and I cannot find where I have erred so greatly as to call forth from your ire this sentence: "his baseless and groundless charge of betraying the people for the patronage of Cleveland." I do most emphatically deny making such a charge. You remind me of the young lady who when her mother was quarrelling with her neighbor, opened the window looked out and said: "Hurry up, mother and call her a thief before she gets ahead of you." It was no use for you to hurry, for I do not intend to use a harsh word against you; for there is no reason why I should.

In 1860 at Charleston, the Democratic party divided on the territorial question, and both factions made nominations. Bolt was previously threatened just as now. Many men as good as you or I, after taking an active part in the campaign as Democrats, flatly refused to vote the Cleveland ticket and a number voted the Weaver ticket. If Tillman has "seen a light in the West," why should we not stick to him sooner than to the East with a name that does not promise a ray of light?

The only hope for this country, if there is any at all, is for all financial reformers to get together under a new name and go into the campaign against any party or parties controlled in any way by the money power.

You, Mr. Editor, have expressed a different opinion—let time prove the right. As exceptions are taken to my positive way of expressing myself when no offence is intended, I am done.
J. W. DREHER.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth,

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St. Stephen Loses a Valuable Member.

On the night of February 27, 1896, the angel of death visited the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Meetze and snatched away the sweet soul of their daughter, Mary Olivia. Rarely are we called upon to mourn the loss of a young lady possessed of so many attributes of character. How noble, how truly great, and benevolent, her deeds of charity are known to every one who enjoyed the pleasure of her acquaintance; her pastor bore testimony of this in the selection of the text upon which he based the well chosen remarks in his eulogy over her remains: "Thy gentleness hath made me great," II Samuel 22, 36.

She was a faithful member and ardent worker in St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran church, in which she served as organist seven successive years. Two years she was Recording Secretary for the Woman's Aid Society of this church, dating from the first election of officers, she being one of the twelve charter members of this society, and remained a cheerful and willing worker to her death. While we recognize the wisdom of Almighty God, and bow submissively to this dispensation of his will, which hath so sorely bereft us; yet it seems strange that she should, after having labored so assiduously in the interest of the new temple which she hoped so soon to realize, be taken just at its consummation.

With her death many a cherished hope was shattered, not only in her home will she be missed, where she was loved so dearly; but in the church, where she was an earnest worker, and in society to which she was an ornament. Verily, she acted well her part upon this stage of life, as the curtain of death went down upon the last scene, it arises for her to reappear happier in a more glorious realm where all is peace and love.

She leaves behind her a life and devotion indelibly stamped upon the hearts of loved ones which can never be erased. The choice and beautiful flowers which adorned her casket expressed in unspoken language her loveliness of character, the snow white lily exemplified her purity, the sweet violet her modesty, the exquisite blue hyacinth her constancy, the fern her sincerity; here we recall the words of her pastor "In all things she was sincere," the heliotrope her devotion the sweet elysium was suggestive of her heavenly home, and the evergreen wreath of her eternity. Drearly and sad was the day she was laid to rest, dismal and lone, Oh! so lonely the grave, inexpressible the aching in the hearts of her loved ones as they turned to the home from which she had gone out forever.

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In Memoriam.
"For none return from those silent shores,
Who cross with the boatman cold and pale;
We hear the dip of the golden oars,
And catch a gleam of the snowy sail—
And lo, they have passed from our yearning heart,
They cross the stream, and are gone for aye.
We may not under the veil apart,
That hides from our vision the gates of day.
... Yet somewhere, I know, on the unseen shore—
They watch and beckon and wait for me."

At noon, when the sunshine was gilding the earth with a flood of golden glory, within the stricken home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rawl, loved ones, pastor and friends, with tear-dimmed eyes and bated breath, watched beside one of God's children whose dying eyes were already beholding the glory unspeakable of her heavenly home.

Mrs. Sally Hendrix Snelgrove, the subject of this imperfect sketch, fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, March 2nd, 1896, aged thirty-four years. Though her life was short, she had drunk deeply of the cup of sorrow and suffering, and those who knew and loved her best, and whose hearts ache for the sound of her voice and the touch of her wasted hand, feel a chastened joy that the burning fever and racking cough of her dread malady are past, and that she is, as she so often desired to be, "safe in the arms of Jesus." Her life, though a brief one, was full of good deeds.

In her home her skillful hands ministered to the wants of her loved ones until God bade her cease, and beautiful specimens of her needlework in other homes, bear silent witness to her loving thoughtfulness for others.

To her stepfather and his sons she was a true daughter and sister. Repeatedly she thanked the former for his untiring kindness to her. To her now childless mother, and to her own dear son, her only child, she was unspeakably precious, the light and joy of their lives. Her love for her boy made her tender and gentle to all children, and the tears and sobs of little girls and boys, as they looked their last upon her sweet face, love speaking testimony to the affection they felt for her. Long after disease

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April 25-15.

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had weakened her body she actively engaged in all the work of her beloved Lutheran church. Her class of little girls in the Sunday School, and her work in the Ladies' Aid Society were especially dear to her. The members of the latter remember how faithfully she performed her duties as Recording Secretary, when her strength was all insufficient for her work, and when her feeble voice could scarcely be heard in a large room. At a meeting of this society since her death, our loved president spoke most feelingly and beautifully of her loving service for her Master, dwelling upon these words of Longfellow: "What seem to us but sad funeral tapers
May be heaven's distant lamps."
and speaking of two of our best and dearest members who went home almost hand in hand, as bright and shining lamps in "the land beyond the sunset."

Those of us who are spared to worship in our prospective new church, will sadly miss those two cherished ones, Mrs. Snelgrove and Miss Mollie Meetze, who so willingly gave their strength and means for the promotion of its interests.

Though having so many strong and tender ties to bind her to earth, the subject of this paper, frequently expressed to her dear ones, and to her beloved pastor her readiness, yea her impatience "to depart and be with Christ." Rich in the love of relatives and friends, and sorrowing when they grieved for her, she calmly arranged her earthly affairs and longingly awaited her summons to her eternal home. She selected her pall bearers, and requested the hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," to be sung at her funeral services. Death had absolutely no terrors for her, and only a few hours before the end she whispered to a friend, "I am not alone, God is with me." Even in her last hours she thanked the watchers beside her bed-side for their kindness to her, urging them to rest and sleep, invariably requesting them earnestly to "comfort mama and son when I am gone." Her pastor spoke in touching and comforting terms, in his funeral discourse, of her many Christian graces, saying that those rarest and loveliest traits, humility and patience were predominant in her life. A large congregation gathered to pay its last tribute of affection to her memory, and with many tears, we left her quietly sleeping "neath the flower covered mound in St. Stephen's God's acre. There to await the Master's coming. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," Yea, saith the spirit they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." E. H. K.

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